

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 26th January 2020

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## Nominations

The IRTS Awards Committee would like to remind the winners of last year's Cups and Trophies to please return them as soon as possible.

The IRTS is seeking nominations to the Committee for the coming year. Please forward your nominations to our Honorary Secretary Robert Brandon EI5KH.

The Committee is also seeking nominations for "Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio".

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## Amateur Station Licence Exam

A reminder that the next Amateur Station Licence Exam will be held on Thursday 7th May 2020 in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday, 23rd April 2020.

See [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) for full details on how to enter for this exam. This page also includes links to the exam syllabus, the Course Guide and other study material. Exam candidates who feel they could benefit from assistance with any aspect of the syllabus are invited to contact Robert Brandon EI5KH, Secretary of IRTS, who will try to put them in touch with a radio club in their area that may be able to help. Robert's contact details are on the IRTS web site.

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## Polish Award

During the month of February, the Polish national society PZK will have 14 different special event stations on the air to mark the 90th anniversary of PZK and the 95th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union.

Six of the stations will have 90PZK in their callsigns, two stations will have 2020PZK and six stations will have 95IARU in their callsigns. Prefixes will be 3Z, HF, SN, SP, SQ and SO. A free downloadable award will be available to European station who make seven QSOs on either phone, CW or digital modes.

Full details available on [90.pzk.org.pl](http://90.pzk.org.pl)

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## **EIDX Group**

As the EIDX Group (EIDXG) prepare for their upcoming activities, the group have organised a workshop/activity weekend as they maintain/service some of their equipment. Stopping for dinner and a social evening in the local village, all things radio will be discussed along with plenty of help/advice on hand.

This is an ideal opportunity and an open invitation for any newly licensed Amateurs or new recruits to get hands-on and learn how to build antennas, solder coax cables, repair masts etc.... and maybe even make some QSOs!

Why not pop down to the wonderful Ballyhoura Luxury Hostel, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick on the weekend of March 14/15th and if you'd like any further information please feel free to contact "ei6fr /at/ gofree /dot/ indigo /dot/ ie" or "ei9fbb /at/ gmail /dot/ com"

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## **5MHz in New Zealand**

The New Zealand 60m trial which was due to conclude on 24th January 2020 has been extended for 6 more months by the NZ regulator, RSM and NZ Defence Force to give time to work out a more permanent solution.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

A reminder that the January meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday the 27th of January in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8:00 p.m. sharp. A club committee meeting will be held before the main meeting at 7:00 p.m. IRTS President Jim Holohan EI4HH and Vice-President Pat O'Connor EI9HX will be in attendance at our main meeting. All club members are asked to attend, and new members are as always very welcome also.

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group wish to also remind all listeners that are intending to book their hotel rooms for the IRTS AGM 2020 weekend in April 2020 to book them as soon as possible please. Gala Dinner tickets are now available from John EI7IG and on the IRTS webpage. Details about the weekend including room prices and dinner tickets can be found at <https://agm2020cw.blogspot.com>

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “southeasternarg /at/ gmail /dot/ com” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

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## **DX News**

A DXpedition to Cocos Island will take place from 30th January – 9th February using the callsign TI9C. The operators will be Mark XE1B and Frank HK5OKY and they plan to be on all bands 160 – 6m on SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

A German DXpedition team will be on the air from El Salvador from 30th January – 13th February. They will be using the callsign HU1DL. The usual prefix for El Salvador is YS so the HU prefix will attract added attention to the expedition. They will be active on all bands 160 – 6m on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Russell G5XW will be QRV holiday-style as C5XW in the Gambia from 28th January – 7th February. Activity will be mainly SSB on 40 – 17m and possibly some CW. QSLs go via the RSGB bureau

Melvin W8MV will be active from the Caribbean island of Montserrat from 26th January – 2nd February. He will be on the CW on the HF bands using the callsign VP2MCV. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

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Items for inclusion in next week’s Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin. If you currently receive a copy of the IRTS Radio News Bulletin by email as a news reader and wish to modify your address, please inform the editor in order to have it changed on the news readers mailing list.

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